(b) Old bridges exist on all National Highways.

(d) The repairs of distressed bridges is being taken up in various Annual Plans depending upon their condition, inter-se priority and availability of funds.

Drivers' Training School in Tamil Nadu

1566. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tamil Nadu has not been provided any assistance for setting up of Model Drivers' Training School under Tenth Five Year Plan so far;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of such assistance provided so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Assistance of Rs. 84. 74 lakh has been provided in Ninth Five Year Plan for strengthening of Institute of Road Transport in Tamil Nadu.

(c) Details of assistance sanctioned so far for setting up of Model Drivers' Training School during Xth Five year Plan are as under:—

(Rs.in lakhs)

Name of the Driving Institute	Total Central Assistance sanctioned
Driving Training School, Guwahati, Assam	394
Driving Training School, Hagaribommanahalli, Bellary District, Karnataka	269
Driving Training School, Kolkata, West Bengal	328
Driving Training School, Vijaywada, Andhra Pradesh by Krishna District Lorry Owners' Association	400
Driving Training School, Jassur, Kangra District, Himachal Pradesh	181
Driving Training School at Edappal in Malappuram, Kerala	299
Driving Training School at Sarai Kale Khan, New Delhi by Institute of Driving Training & Research, Delhi	325